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Pastor's Corner

IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE

If you want to read a short book within the Bible, one that can be read in 15 minutes, choose the Book of the Prophet Jonah. It is much like a parable, intended to teach in a lively and sometimes amusing way. It teaches that even the most uncompromising of God's threats is an expression of His merciful will, who pardons at the first sign of repentance. God's mercy extends even to Israel's most detested enemy, Babylon, who today is named Baghdad! In two and a half pages, the story of Jonah illustrates the major steps of the spiritual life: God's call, the refusal of Jonah to obey, the purification of Jonah (in the belly of the fish), the anger of Jonah toward God, the mercy of God for Jonah and his enemies.

We can identify with the questions of Jonah. How could God ask me to work for the salvation of my arch enemy? Why God uses the constraints of life (the belly of the fish) to bring me back to the place where I was supposed to go? The answer is that all the purification is meant to help me reach that place and state of being where "the slightest cooperation with God's grace can provoke a massive spiritual change" for me and for those I am sent to, as Fr. Barron said in his homily 570.

This is indeed what happened to Nineveh. All turned to God! What is your Nineveh? Here is a prayer to help you. It was composed by John Henry Newman, then a prominent Anglican priest, returning from Rome and finally deciding to join the Roman Catholic Church. He became one of its greatest leaders: Blessed Cardinal John H. Newman.

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home—
Lead Thou me on!

Pastor's Corner Continued…

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now,
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blessed me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

God Bless, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – MADE FOR MORE

What is your worth? As much as a brand new car? Or a new house? Or a million dollars? How about the person next to you? Did you know that all of us are worth a lot more than all these things added together? Join us on Monday, January 23 at 6:30pm in the Church basement and discover how much you are really valued!

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT NEWSLETTER

Do you enjoy writing articles or blogs? Do you enjoy sharing up-to-date information that others may find useful? Do you want to share your talents and passion to do something productive and useful? Then this message is for you! Youth Ministry is putting together a monthly newsletter for youth parents and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers who would help us create, design and write articles on different issues for our newsletter on a monthly basis. If you are interested please email contact@marysyouth.com for more details.

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION

The info night for **NEW** families wishing to enter St. Mary's in Sept 2012 will be Wednesday, Jan 25th at 7pm in the Church basement. You must attend this meeting to obtain an "Information Registration Package." Registration packages are **NOT** available from the school office or parish office.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

"Building a Positive Relationship with your Child." Learn about parenting styles and how they affect the way you parent your kids. This module will also give you an overview of child development and the parenting tasks that go with it, on Friday, Jan 27 from 6pm-8:30pm in the Church basement.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SHROUD EXHIBIT

We will be hosting the Man of the Shroud Exhibit from Mar 1-7. We are currently looking for volunteers to help promote this event. If you have experience and connections with the media (i.e. TV, radio & newspaper), please call 604-435-9611 (x230) or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP FOR THE SHROUD EXHIBIT

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to serve the Lord in the upcoming Man of the Shroud Exhibit in March. Pick up a general volunteer sign-up form in the foyer and place in the box, also in the foyer. Your help is critical to the success of this exhibit!

EVENING FOR CATHOLIC MEN WITH ARCHBISHOP

Enjoy a meal with your shepherd and hear about his vision for evangelizing and inspiring Catholic men in the Archdiocese. Learn about plans for a dynamic Catholic men's conference and follow-up men's groups, and how to get involved. Feb. 4th at 6pm-9pm in the Church basement. Cost $20. Pre-register by Jan. 27 at www.rcav.org/mantoman.

COUPLE FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ is inviting all married couples, widow or widowers, and separated Catholics to a Christian Life Program that will start on February 11, 7pm in the School Gym. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. The program is free but pre-registration is requested. To register or to inquire, please call: Tony & Joy Borromeo 604-454-9139; Jun & Amie Morales 604-561-9007 or Andy & Cheng Palanca 604-230-9303.

PARISH NEWS

SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

If you are interested in sharing your talents in a choir, the Saturday 5pm Mass choir is currently looking for new singing members or cantors. Our weekly practices run from 3:30-4:40pm, every Saturday in the School Seminar Room. We would like to expand our male voices section and we welcome members of all ages! Please contact Patricia at patriciahyma@gmail.com or 604-782-8850.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPERIENCE AN "ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS"

Music, Message & Adoration with Mark Mallett, Canadian singer/songwriter, Catholic evangelist & author on Wednesday, January 25 at Holy Spirit Parish, 244 Lawrence Street, New Westminster, 7-9pm. For more info, call the parish at 604-521-0334.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY GUEST SPEAKER

On Saturday, Jan. 28, Peter Kreeft will give free lectures at Westminster Abbey/Seminary of Christ the King in Mission. The subject of his talks will be, "The Church and Secularism." The lectures will begin at 10am and conclude at 3pm. For more info, phone 604-826-8975.

VOCATION LIVE-IN (MEN)

On the weekend of February 3-5 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.

VOCATION LIVE-IN (WOMEN)

Silent Live-In Retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life on the weekend of Feb 10th, from 7pm to 3pm, Feb 12th. For further information or to register, contact Linda at 604-824-4184 or becharlinda@gmail.com; or Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 or dbillesberger@shaw.ca. Space is limited so register early.

POST-ARRIVAL SEMINAR FOR TEMPORARY WORKERS

There will be free orientation seminar on Sunday, Feb 5 at the Metrotown Community Room (near Old Navy) from 1-6pm. Speakers from Labour Ministry and Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration will be present.. To register, please visit www.upaabc.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Jan 22: 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

Mon. Jan 23: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. Jan 24: 6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Jan 25: 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Jan 26: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Jan 27: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm Parenting Workshop (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Jan 28: 9:15am D & A Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

Sun. Jan 29: 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am
Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am
WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm
SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 8:30am
SUNDAY MASS: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:
Wednesday 6:00pm
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:
Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am
FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning mass
CONFESSION:
Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)
Saturday: 9:00am to 9:30am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm
Sunday: Before & After all Masses
An appointment for confession may be made through the Parish Office
HOLY COMMUNION: Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.
BAPTISM: To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.
MARRIAGE:
One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.
BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 6:45pm / Saturday 9:45am
RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.
PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools
TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens
Tuesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm
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